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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all our members.

In the tiny city of Halsteren is the largest Intratuin in the Netherlands. It provides spacious areas to shop for both the inside and outside needs of your home. There are special attractions all year around, but especially in the months leading up to Christmas. It is a day out for the entire family with plenty to see and do. Read more about this fascinating place on pages 22 & 23.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Below are the latest details of **events and activities** organised by Neerlandia and by the various Sub-Clubs.

December 2023

Sunday 3	<u>Sunday Drive</u>	
Mon 4, 11	<u>Billiard Club</u> <i>(Break-up on the 11th)</i>	9.15 am
Wed 6	<u>Bingo</u> <i>(Break-up)</i>	11am
Thurs 7, 14	<u>Neerlandia Thursday Night Cards</u> <i>(Break-up on the 14th)</i>	7pm
Thurs 14	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u> <i>(Break-up on the 14th)</i>	10am
Sat 2,	<u>Dutch Singers</u> Morley Windmills <i>(Break-up on the 2nd)</i>	

January 2024

Mon 1	<u>Nieuwjaar's Duik</u>	
Sun 28	<u>Rottnest Trip</u> <i>See page 12</i>	7:30am

February 2024

Mon 5, 12, 19, 26	<u>Billiard Club</u>	9:15am
Wed 7, 21	<u>Bingo</u>	11:00 am
Thurs 1,8,15,22,29	<u>Neerlandia Thursday Night Cards</u>	7pm
Thurs 1, 15, 29	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Sat 3,10,17,24	<u>Dutch Singers</u> Morley Windmills	
Sun 25	<u>Ice Skating/Biking</u>	
Fri 23	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel</u> Morley Windmills	6:00pm

Important: The content of our magazine is compiled with great care. Nonetheless, the information may contain inaccuracies. Should you find any errors or inaccuracies, please contact us.

Club details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.

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The President's Report

President's Report.



Another month has flown by and so much has happened.

It is extremely sad to announce the passing of a true Neerlandia Champion, Pieter Leeflang on Monday 6th November. Please read his obituary on pages 4 & 5.

The kitchen at the Rhein-Donau

Club is finally receiving the renovations that had originally been planned for earlier this year. This means that clubs that rely on a meal from their Kitchen have to make alternative arrangements or take lunch from home.

We had a very tumultuous start to our Maas & Waal Games night on the 27th of October. However, despite the tribulations that we were facing, the evening was a huge success. See the report on pages 6, 7 & 8.

HELP NEEDED! - We are still without a Secretary and we desperately need someone who can fill this important position. If you are able to take notes, type on a keyboard, then you have the qualifications required for this position. The main task is to take notes and type up the minutes of our committee meetings and AGM. There may be the need to send a letter here or there but this is minimal. We would love to see a young vibrant person who would love to be part of a very motivated committee and help create additional new events for the enjoyment of all our members. The committee meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30 PM. If you have the time, motivation, and desire to be part of a coordinated team, we want to hear from you.

By the time this magazine lands in your letterbox, some exciting events will have

occurred. I am referring to the Auto Puzzeltocht, Our Christmas Lunch and the Andre Rieu Christmas show at Event Cinema Innaloo. Reports on these events will be featured in our February Magazine.

We are looking at a very active 2024, with lots of events and some new events. Our calendar for 2024 highlights the regular events and those already locked in. However, your committee has a number of additional ideas that will be given a date some time during the year. These will be advertised in this magazine. So, make sure you keep both your 2024 Calendar and each month's magazine handy, so that you can record those additional events whenever they appear in this magazine.

You may ask; - "Who will fill the role of Editor for our beloved Magazine, now that our very dear Piet Leeflang has passed on?" Don't worry, Peter van der Wedden has volunteered and given his experience at Dutch Community Radio will be capable to carry on the wonderful work Piet has done since 1999.

Your Membership Fees fall due again from the 1st of January 2024. We had a great response from many members at the beginning of last year. We ask that you respond in similar fashion this year. Please note that your membership is due by no later than the 31st of March 2024. If your membership remains outstanding, you will automatically cease to be a member and will not receive the discounts to many events nor this wonderful magazine.

Please ensure you fill in the details of next of kin on the Membership renewal form. We hope that this will allow us to contact family in case of emergency, when you attend the Club.

Covid has once again been active in our community. Please remain vigilant and protect yourself, especially when in public spaces. Some people simply do not care about others.

For those members who are currently ill, we wish you a speedy recovery to perfect health and look forward to seeing you back in our midst.

John Zwartkruis, President.

Obituary — Pieter Leeflang

Pieter Diedrich Leeflang, OAM 16 December 1935 – 6 November 2023

Pieter Leeflang, one of Neerlandia's foundation members and its longest serving member, unexpectedly passed away in the early hours of Monday 6 November. He has left behind a grieving family as well as his stunned Neerlandia family, who all knew and loved him.

An enthusiastic and talented youngster, he had been a junior player for FC Feyenoord, in Rotterdam where he was born, and where he lived prior to migrating to Australia with his parents in 1954. It was no surprise therefore, that, as soon as the family was established in Perth, Pieter joined The Windmills. A soccer club that was formed in 1950 by Dutch immigrants. A sport's injury in the early 60's cut short Pieter's promising soccer career.

However, his association with The Windmills had provided him with many like-minded contemporaries, the pre-cursor of today's Dutch Club Neerlandia.

Left to right: Back row - J Zuideveld, K Scheepens R Hal, F Zuideveld, J Koelen, F Verharen, T Paap, and

P Leeflang

Left to right: Front row - J Dougan, F Alberts, T Meerwijk (Captain), H Meyer, M Rullen, H Hermans

Pieter's history with the Dutch Club started on 27 June 1959 when he, together with Nico Feddema, established Klaverjas Club Neerlandia. It was Nico's vision to unite the various, independent Dutch Clubs into one and to have its own Clubhouse. As Nico felt he was too old to achieve this, he inspired and encouraged Piet to materialise this vision. It appeared not an easy task as even as late as 1965 the individual Dutch Clubs had still not come to an agreement.

Not seeing any progress, it was in 1968 that Pieter and Nico decided that their Klaverjas Club would go it alone and find a suitable Clubhouse. To do that, they drew up and adopted a Constitution in October of that year. They also changed the name of the Klaverjas Club to that of Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA and they applied for Incorporation. The latter was granted on March 4, 1969. A meeting was held on June 24, 1969, at which the proposal to form a federation of Dutch Clubs was officially accepted, and a Steering Committee was elected.



This Steering Committee consisted of Nico Feddema, President, Pieter Leeflang, Secretary and Karel Nissen, Treasurer. Nico and Pieter were at that time President and Secretary of the Klaverjas Club Neerlandia whilst Karel was President of the Checkers Club "King Damas".

From then on progress followed and in 1972 the Dutch Club bought its own building at 230 Cambridge Street in Wembley. Pieter's involvement in the establishment- and running of the Dutch Club had been constant as he was a member of the initial Neerlandia Steering Committee from 1972 to 1978, Vice President from 1998 to 1999, Secretary from 1999 to 2005 and President from 2005 to 2012.

Since 1999 Pieter was the Editor of our popular Club magazine.



Obituary — Pieter Leeflang

Outside Neerlandia, Pieter worked at the Perth Zoo as Overseer. He had several jobs before starting at Perth Zoo in 1965. The plan was for Pieter to work with his father in the maintenance department of the Zoo but he had to wait until a vacancy came up. Luck intervened as a Keeper's position became available, which he accepted when it was offered to him. Once a position in maintenance became available, Pieter requested to be retained in the position of keeper: he had fallen in love with caring for animals. In that capacity he received in 1981 a Churchill Fellowship from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. His course of study was "Developments in the husbandry of non-human primates in renowned zoos". This took him to many European and American zoos, where he studied the breeding of Primates, and Orangutans in particular. Perth Zoo has been very successful in breeding Orangutans.

Late in his career at Perth Zoo, Pieter was moved into an office position. However, as that position did not agree with him, he retired in 1999, after 34 years working at Perth Zoo.

In Public Life Pieter, in cooperation with the Honorary Consul at the time, the late Thom Dercksen, were responsible for donating 2 black swans to Princess Beatrix & Prins Claus when they visited WA in May 1978. For many years these swans swam in the lake around Kasteel Drakensteyn.

Acknowledgement of Pieter's work at the Zoo was received in 1996 when he received a Public Service Medal for Outstanding Public Service with the Perth Zoo.

His work in establishing and running the Dutch Club was rewarded in 2014, when Pieter received an Order of Australia Medal for Services rendered for the Dutch Community.

On 25 June 2023, Pieter received the most prestigious Dutch honour from King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands, when he was presented the decoration of Knight of the Order of Orange Nassau, as a recognition for his efforts in founding Dutch Society Neerlandia and being a driving force to keep the club going for 54 years. In the Commonwealth this honour is similar to receiving a Knighthood from the British Monarch.

Piet lived a full life. A life of which his family can justifiably be proud. He served Neerlandia with unparalleled distinction and he has left an indelible impression on all who knew him. Piet was an example of unselfishness.

Pieter leaves behind Joke, whom he married in November 1959, and their daughter Vera and son Anthony.

To his family we send our thoughts and deepest condolences for the loss of a beloved husband, father, opa and over-grootvader; may your memories of this remarkable man be a consolation in this time of loss and sorrow.

Pieter, you were taken unexpectedly, and you deserve your peace. R.I.P. Pieter Leeflang

On behalf of Dutch Club Neerlandia
John Zwartkruis President



Invitation to Neerlandia Members

Many of the Neerlandia Members will have special and fond memories about Piet Leeflang. You are invited to send your memories of those special moments to Neerlandia. You can do this by handing it directly to any Committee member when attending a sub-club function or posting it to our PO box 200, WEMBLEY WA 6913 or via email to lianna_parker@bigpond.com. We anticipate there may well be some funny moments worth sharing.

Games Night

at the October Maas en Waal Borrel evening



Our first Neerlandia Games Night held on Friday, October 27th at the Morley Windmills Soccer Club together with our monthly Maas en Waal Borrel evening proved to be a huge success and enjoyed by all who came along.

Despite a tumultuous start of initially being locked out of the building, and Wes Lenghaus from the Dutch Singers coming to the rescue by bringing the spare key, the evening proceeded with everyone helping out and coming together to ensure that a relaxing yet fun-filled evening was enjoyed. It was most pleasing to see grandparents bring their grandchildren along and enjoying the various and large assortment of Dutch and English games.



Along with multiple well-known English language games, there was for the first time, a big range of traditional Dutch language games as well. These were especially sourced and imported with the help of Gerda and Han Veldhuis who live in Almelo, The Netherlands. They are the sister and brother-in-law of our two committee members (and sisters) Helen Levy and Jeannette Kuiper.

A big thank you to Gerda and Han for their help in increasing the Neerlandia games inventory for all of us to enjoy.

When was the last time you played Mens Erger je Niet, Kwartet or het Ganzenbordspel?

We have various Memory games with some fantastic images of The Netherlands including images of nostalgic products that many of you will be familiar with. Elfstedentocht spel and Pim Pam Pet and many more.



Maas & Waal Borrel — Games Night



The two Sjoelbakken proved to be very popular amongst the young and old with some intense competition amongst the players. No doubt with the next Maas en Waal Borrel evening there will be an opportunity for rematches!



Everyone was having fun bringing out different games and reliving games some hadn't played for many years. With over 60 games to choose from, as well as badminton racquets, ten pin bowling, ring toss and tic-tac-toe being available, time went fast indeed.

There were some hilarious moments when Babette and Jeannette competed in the Loo Paper Race. What is that? you may be asking... it involves a glass of water and rolling up the toilet paper without spilling a drop. It looks easier than it is!



Loo paper race
Ready - set - GO!



you can push as much as you like, but I'm not giving up!!



Beer-pong (without the beer)



Mouse Trap



Maas & Waal Borrel — Games Night



Our new range of polo shirts, bucket hats, caps and aprons were popular and thought to be a great gift idea too!



Together with nice food, drinks and great games to play it was so compelling that no-one wanted to stop playing their favourite game and the evening didn't end until 10:45pm!



We would like to invite you to come along to our Maas and Waal evenings and bring your family members to join in and experience the pleasure of playing some of these games that no doubt for many of you, will bring back fond memories of your early childhood years.



A big thank you to Helen who organised the evening and all those who helped with the setup and pack away, as well as the kitchen volunteers and those assisting behind the bar.



We look forward to hosting this event again sometime in the new year and hope to see you there!

Don't forget the next Maas & Waal is not until February



Mystery of Rozenburg

New parents in Rozenburg are captivated by a particularly cute mystery. Because anyone who has just had a baby they will receive self-knitted slippers through the letterbox without any explanation. But no one knows where these sweet gifts come from...

Daniëlle van der Meijs-Speijer is a new parent, her baby Lieke is only four weeks old. She found the slippers, in beautiful white, on the doormat. They came in a sandwich bag with a sticker on it that says, 'made with love'. "They are beautiful," beams the mother. Mystery?

In fact, she doesn't want to know who is behind the action. "That's the mystery of Rozenburg. Let's just keep it that way." At first Daniëlle thought that the slippers came from a family member or friends. But a call on social media yielded nothing.

Daniëlle did not immediately receive a definitive answer about the generous donor, but she did receive messages from other mothers who have experienced the same thing. "Then I thought: Something else is going on here..." She has now come one step closer to the truth, because due to all the attention on the (social) media, a friend of this anonymous person has come forward.

Without mentioning a name, Daniëlle now knows that it concerns a woman who walks around the village because of her health. "As soon as she sees a birth announcement somewhere, she places slippers through the letterbox that she crocheted herself. What a wonderful story!"

Vicky and Ryan and their daughter Macy live a few blocks away. They experienced the same thing two and a half years ago, although there was personal contact at the time. Ryan was standing in the garden when an older woman approached him. "With a bag. And that's where the slippers were." And there again that sticker, 'made with love'. "Very sweet, it really came from her heart," says the father, who still remembers it with a smile.

Ryan knows who the person is, but he will respect her wish for anonymity. "She is a bit like Rozenburg's anonymous grandmother. She wants to remain anonymous, and we will keep it that way." Vicky adds: "There are of course plenty of children who no longer have a grandmother. So, this is nice to keep. It is something precious."

Article Sourced by HL from www.hartvannederland.nl

Card Club News

Please take note that the Sunday Card Drive has been moved from Sunday 3rd December to Sunday 10th December. This is due to the conflict with the André Rieu Christmas show at Event Cinema in Innaloo.

Doors open 10:30AM — Games start 11:00AM

A delicious Subway lunch will be provided.

We are always keen to welcome new players. If you know how to play, why not join us at the Sunday Drive and/or at our Thursday night competition. If you do not know how to play, we happily will show you how to play the game. Contact Jan Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or terjohnz@gmail.com.

Grandchildren

My young grandson called the other day to wish me a happy birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"





NEERLANDIA BINGO

Doors open at 10am. Eyes down at 11am.

**Coffee and tea and biscuits are provided: Self-serve.
Game: Your book of 10 games cost you \$12.50.
Lunch: A bowl of soup and a bun will cost you \$7.50.**



**The last game of Bingo for 2023 will be held on the 06-Dec-2023.
The first game of Bingo for 2024 will be held on 07-Feb-2024**

REPORT:

On the 25th October we had another fun filled day with a few more Neerlandia T shirts visible among the players and hosts. The day started with two winners sharing the top line in game one. They were **George van Beek and Janice Raffaele** and it took 47 balls (5 balls short of the required 52 balls for the Jackpot in game 10). The Full House was shared by **Kerry James and Wilhelmina Keisler** each receiving \$8.00.



Players that attended Bingo on the 25-Oct-2023

Game 2, the line went to **Riet Oorschot** with the Full House going to **Kerry James** who received \$16.00 (her 2nd win). In game 3 the four corner numbers went to **Greta van Sant** with the Full House being shared between **John Norder and Mia Boshart** \$8.00 each. Game 4 the straight Full House game of \$30.00 was won by **Alie Deurloo**. A nice pick up. In game 5 the three left end numbers was shared by **Pieter Groos and John Norder** (his 2nd win) and **Betty Drabble** won the \$16.00 Full House. After lunch we drew the 3 players that played for free they were **Mia Boshart** (2nd win) **Leo Steyntjes and Jenny Norder**, the Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to **John Norder** (3rd win) the **Neerlandia** sponsored Ferrero Chocolates went to **Bill Deugd**. Well done. Game 6 was the game with the \$25 Full House bonus. The line went to **Doreen Zarb** with the Full House for a total of \$41.00 being shared by **Pieter Groos** (2nd win) and **Wilhelmina Keisler** receiving \$20.50 each. In game 7 the line went to **Riet Oorschot** (2nd win) and the Full House was shared by **Freda Hovingh** and **Mia Boshart** (3rd win) sharing \$8.00 each. In game 8 the line went to **Mia Boshart** (4th win) and the \$16.00 Full House was picked up **Henk Smit**. The 3 right end numbers was picked up by **Greta van Sant** in 7 balls a record for our Bingo. The Full House was shared by **Janice Rafaelle** (2nd win) and **Babette van Dijk** each receiving \$8.00. Game 10 the Jackpot Game of \$100.00 failed to go off within the required 52 balls and so reverted to the Full House amount of \$30.00. It was won by **Rose Groos**. We had a situation where I (Lou) called 4-9 instead of calling 49 I called 59. This happened to be the next ball in my line of vision, out of the corner of my eye, and this error was blamed on the mushroom soup we had for lunch. Everyone had a good laugh. So, as you can see, we had a fun day with several players having multiple wins and several prizes being shared with multiple winners. Come and join us it could be you in the list of winners.

The Bingo Pages

The Game on 8th of November.

The day started with the sad news of the passing of **Pieter Leeflang**. A minute silence was held as a mark of respect for his long service to all of the **Neerlandia Club, sub-Clubs and Committees**. RIP Pieter.



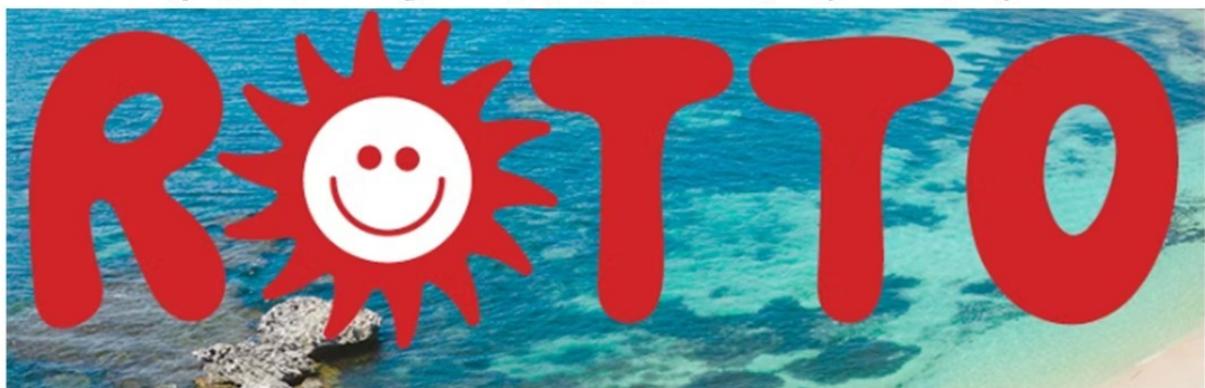
Players that attended Bingo on the 08-Nov-2023

Owing to the kitchen being closed, we had to bring our own lunch. Consequently, the book price was dropped to \$10.00 and the players playing for free was also dropped so as to keep the prizes as high as possible. This was largely due to the low numbers (21 people) attending.

Game No. 1: - We had a bit of a laugh because some of the balls missed the barrel, and we had a ball hunt around on the floor. All balls were found, and the game got under way. The line went to **Riet Oorschot** with the Full House going to **Ria Nissen** \$10.00. Game 2: - The line went to **Jenny Norder** and wouldn't you know it, a ball went flying and eventually the Full House went to **Janke Raayen** \$10.00. During game 3 it was decided that there would be a fire alarm test which halted the game, however after that excitement the line was shared by **Kerry James** and **Babette van Dijk** with the Full House of \$10.00 going to **Janice Raffaele** (after yet another flying ball). Game 4: - The straight Full House for \$20.00 was picked up by **Connie van Emden** (and yet another flying ball). Game 5:- The 3 left end numbers went to **Tiny Swart** (in 12 balls) with **Leo Steyntjes** winning the Full House of \$10.00. After lunch we drew the Cadbury Favourite Chocolates, which went to **Freda Hovingh**. The **Neerlandia** sponsored Ferrero Chocolates went to **Kerry James** (2nd win). In game 6 the line went to **George van Beek**, with **Yvonne Duivestein** taking out the Full House of \$10.00. Game 7 was the \$25 Bonus Full House game. The line went to **Riet Oorschot** (2nd win) and **Babette van Dijk** won the Full House for a total of \$35.00 (2nd win). Game 8: - The line was shared by **Babette van Dijk** (3rd win) and **Dora van der List** who went on to win the \$10.00 Full House (for her 2nd win). Game 9: - The 3 right end numbers went to **John Norder** and the Full House was shared by **Connie van Emden** (2nd win) and **Marion Gerritsen**. Game 10: - The Jackpot game which stood at \$100.00 and had to be won within 53 balls. The Jackpot did not go off and the prize reverted to the Straight Full House prize of \$20.00. During the call, ball number 59 came flying out of the barrel in two halves. So, we decided to call 59 for each half causing a fit of laughter and something everyone will remember for quite a while. After all, how many times do you think you'd see a bingo ball fly in half (ha ha). After all that, the Full House of \$20.00 was won by **Janice Raffaele** (2nd win). **Congratulations to all of the winners**. As you can see it was an eventful day with some people having multiple wins and some prizes being shared with multiple winners. Everyone had a great day with lots of laughs and good humour. Do you think you could add to the fun we have? It doesn't matter what it is, as long as you enjoy yourself along with the rest of us! It's really worth a try. Remember **you'll never know if you don't give it a go**. The higher the number of attendees the higher the prizes.

Hosts:- **John Zwartkruis** Phone :- **0434 920 252 &**
 Lou James Phone :- **0427 018 777**

LET'S ALL GO TO



Rottnest Day Trip Sunday, 28th January 2024

It's that time of year again where the Neerlandia Dutch Club of WA invite you and your family to a fun filled day at Rottnest Island!

Come and join in for a day of cycling, snorkeling and a picnic lunch on the Island. Wear something orange!

If you would like to join us, please sign up on the form

<https://forms.gle/JcocnvxpvMhhdp79>



RSVP by Monday 15/1/2024

The finer details:

Meet at North Port Fremantle Rottnest Express terminal no later than 7:30am for group check-in, ferry departs at 8am. Bring a picnic lunch to share with the group on the Island. We plan to have a bite to eat for dinner & watch the sunset, before our return ferry which will be departing Rottnest at 7:30pm and arrive back in Fremantle at 8:15pm.

Ferry ticket pricing: *****Member receive more than 50% OFF*****

Adults \$67.70 / Members special \$33

Concession/Student \$63.20 / Members special \$31

Child (age 4-12) \$34 / Members special \$17

Bike hire \$17 per person



If you have any further questions or would like to become a Neerlandia Member to benefit from great savings, please contact Machiel at mvdstelt@gmail.com

Members Birthdays

The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of December 2023. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Betty	Drabble
Fransina	Colley
Ineke	Baldé
Johanna	Shepherd
John	Maarssen
Regine	Ioppolo
Leo	Steyntjes
Ray	Schaafsma
Baukje	Rusken-Walkington
Henri	Koldenhoven
Gloria	White
Rosalie	Groos
Martin	van Rees
Ludwig	Reitzenstein
Catharina	Nieman
Marcel	Weggelaar
Emma	Levy
Astrid	Hessing
Janke	Raayen
Emma	Zwartkruis
Mariska	van Waaijenburg
Thea	Gorter
Mieke	van de Velde
Anthonina	Butler

If your birthday is not mentioned, or you would like to change the details, please send an E-mail to the acting editor:
terjohnz@gmail.com

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The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of January 2024. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Carol	Rysdyk
Joan	Hill
Arend	van Ryan
Bernie	Uyen
Louise	Loomans
Theo	van Pelt
Robert	Wilson
Ineke	van Wel
Henk	van den Belt
Anne	Voorn
Gerry	James
Pieter	Groos
Johanna	Todd-van der Vliet
Peter	Bouwman
Ton	van Doorn
Tilly	Stülcbauer
Annette	Boersma
Eddy	Schoof
Barrie	Parker
Arie	Schaap
Roy	Chase
Aleksej	Grimm
Marilou	Anderson
Peter	van 't Westeinde
Mary	Martin
Hanny	Kamps
Tinie	Cameron-Hoogeveen
Rick	Berg
Arron	Metcalf
Jan	de Geeter
Brian	Nichols
Andreas	van Rullen

De BoeKHoeK

Op dit moment is er geen nieuws over de nieuwe locatie van de Neerlandia "Mies" bibliotheek. Lianna & Machiel werken nou samen met de City of Vincent bibliotheek in het catalogiseren van de Nederlandstalige boeken die daar een onderkomen gaan vinden.

Inmiddels hebben we weer een goed Nederlandstalig boek gevonden waarvan onderstaande samenvatting. Dit boek zal begin 2024 geleend kunnen worden uit de Neerlandia "Mies" Bibliotheek in de City of Vincent Library, 99 Loftus Street, Leederville.

Uittreksel

'We gingen om te baren, verscheept op bestelling van de heren ginds, zeven meisjes die vaak nog niet eens waren gekust.'

Maria van Aelst wordt als jong meisje door haar ouders naar de Oost gestuurd. Batavia, in 1625 een hete, stinkende puinhoop, heeft meisjes nodig. Nette Hollandse meisjes om Hollandse kinderen te baren. Ze wordt uitgehuwelijkt, maar anderhalf jaar later is ze al weduwe. In Batavia valt ze op door wie ze is en wat ze doet. Ook bij Antonio van Diemen, de latere gouverneur-generaal van Oost-Indië. Maria, pas tweeeëntwintig jaar, heeft dan net haar tweede man begraven. En ze is rijk. Want in plaats van te zuchten onder de natte hitte, gaat ze handelen. Ze doet het, dwars tegen alle verboden in, om het wachten op een kind te verzachten. En omdat ze het wil.

In De mannen van Maria vertelt Anneloes Timmerije het verhaal van een vrouw die in een bikkelhard tijdperk zag wat haar mogelijkheden waren, haar eigen weg koos en deed wat geen enkele vrouw voor haar had gedaan.

**Een groet,
Machiel & Lianna**



Grandchildren

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

The Link between the Dutch & English Royal Families

The link between the Dutch & British Royal households goes way back to 1625. Prince Maurits died without having married and not having any legitimate children. His successor would become his half brother Frederick Henry (Frederik Hendrik), the youngest son of William I. On his death bed, he urged his half-brother to marry as soon as possible. Within a few weeks after the death of Prince Maurits, Frederick Henry married Amalia van Solms-Braunfels. Frederick Henry & Amalia were the parents of a son and several daughters. These daughters were married to important noble houses such as the house of Hohenzollern, but also the Frisian Nassaus, who were Stadholders in Friesland.

Their only son William, married Mary Stuart, Princess Royal, the eldest daughter of Charles I, the king of Scotland & England. These dynastic moves were orchestrated by their mother, Amalia. William was now William II of the house of Orange. After the treaty of Munster was signed in 1648, his power as Stadholder and his income reduced. William died on the 6th November 1650 from Smallpox, only days before his son was born, 14 November 1650. His son William III was an infant and incapable of ruling. The Regents used this opportunity to be without a Stadholder and left this position vacant.

The education of the young Prince William III was now very important. A quarrel broke out between his mother Mary, who wanted an English education, and his grandmother Amalia which pointed towards the resurgence of the power for the House of Orange. However, the Regents of the Estates of Holland interfered with the Prince's education with the aim of keeping him from the throne. This worked as William III became very docile, just as the Regents wanted.



William II & Princess Mary Stuart

However, when in June 1672 the Dutch Republic was attacked by France and England, the position of Stadholder was reinstated, and William III became the new stadholder. He successfully repelled the invasion and seized Royal Power. He became even more powerful than his predecessors of the eighty years war with Spain.



In 1677, William III married his cousin, Mary Stuart, eldest daughter of James II, the Duke of York, and the future King of England.

William III was now 4th in line for the Throne in England. However, things in England were getting very unsettled. The English King, James II, a Roman Catholic, had so antagonized his subjects by his despotic and Romanising policies that by 1687 many of them were urging William to intervene. In 1688 the birth of a son to James, which opened the possibility of a Roman Catholic succession, finally brought matters to a head.

In 1688, after having received an invitation signed by a representative selection of James's opponents, William III embarked on a mission to depose his Catholic Father-in-Law from the throne of England, Scotland & Ireland.

William III & Mary

The Link between the Dutch & English Royal Families

On the 15th November 1688 William and his army landed at Brixham on Tor Bay in Devon and proceeded almost unopposed to London. James fled to France, and the so-called Convention Parliament, summoned in January 1689, declared that James had abdicated and offered the vacant throne, with an accompanying Declaration of Right, to William and Mary. They were proclaimed in February and crowned on April 21. The crown of Scotland was offered to them in the same month. With the ascension to the throne of these 3 kingdoms, he became one of the most powerful sovereigns in Europe. He was the only one to defeat Louis XIV of France.

This revolution on England occurred almost without Bloodshed. However, in Scotland & Ireland there was armed resistance. In Scotland this resistance collapsed in 1689, but the country remained troubled and unsettled during William III's reign. In Ireland war formally broke out in 1689, when James landed there with French support. But the successful defence of Londonderry and of Enniskillen, and William's own victory at the Battle of the Boyne on July 1, 1690, ensured the reconquest of Ireland and freed him to turn his attention to the European continent. Here, after a series of minor attacks on the empire, Louis XIV had invaded the Palatinate in 1688. The Dutch and the emperor concluded the Treaty of Vienna (May 1689) and declared war on Louis; over the next 18 months William's rare diplomatic skill brought into the alliance Brandenburg, Hanover, Saxony, Bavaria, Savoy, and Spain, as well as England, which became its linchpin.

From 1691 William spent much time campaigning on the continent with varying degrees of success, but by 1696 a number of factors made both sides anxious for peace, and the Treaties of Rijswijk were signed in 1697. The question, vital for a European balance of power, of who was to succeed the childless king Charles II of Spain remained unsettled, however, and William had good cause to fear that the peace would be no more than a truce. The English Parliament, on the contrary, was convinced that it would be lasting, insisted on cutting down the size of the army, and resolutely turned its back on foreign affairs. William, in the hope of averting a new war, entered into two Spanish Partition treaties (1698–99) with Louis—measures that involved him in serious frictions with Parliament. But when the Spanish king died on November 1, 1700, Louis, ignoring his agreements, accepted the crown of Spain for his grandson and soon showed that he had not relinquished his plans for French aggrandizement.

William, though hampered by English apathy, set himself to rebuilding the Grand Alliance and to preparing his two countries for the now inevitable conflict. In September 1701 the exiled James II died, and Louis XIV proclaimed his son king of England, contrary to his agreement in one of the Rijswijk treaties, and thus roused the English to an enthusiasm for war. William did not live to see this war declared. His health had long been declining, and in March 1702 he died. His plans for a European settlement were largely carried out by the Treaty of Utrecht (1713). His ideal, which he had pursued doggedly for 30 years, was an international order in which no single power was able to tyrannize the rest.

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William III Landing at Brixham, Torbay 5 Nov 1688

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Take care and make sure you give us a listen which is so easy to do, remember Dutch Courage brings a welcome music break in your day when you can listen to so many past broadcasts, of course all in Dutch.
Peter van der Wedden

Dear Dad.

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend Stacy, because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mum and you. I've been finding real passion with Stacy, and she is so nice.

However, I knew you would not approve of her because of her piercings, tattoos, and punk clothes. Also, she is so much older than me.

But it's not only the passion, Dad. She's pregnant. Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Stacy opened my eyes that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with other people in the commune for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want.

In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a cure for AIDS, so Stacy can get better. She sure deserves it.

Don't worry Dad. I'm 15 and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we will be back to visit, so you can get to know your many grandchildren.

Love, Joshua.

P.S. – Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Jason's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on the kitchen table. Call when it is safe for me to come home.

CARNAVAL 2024

This February the Rhein Donau Club in Myaree is celebrating Carnaval on the weekend of Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th, with the Sunday event being a special Kids Carnaval. As members of the Neerlandia Dutch Club we have all been invited to join in the festivities.

What is Carnaval?

Carnaval is traditionally a pagan festival linked to the Catholic Church and it is to mark the start of lent for Catholics. To celebrate the festival in the Netherlands, it is generally the Southern parts of the country, being more Catholic that have bigger celebrations. Carnaval can also be regarded as a rite of passage from darkness to light, from winter to summer: a fertility celebration, the first spring festival of the new year. The first day of Carnaval is six weeks before Easter Sunday.

In Germany Karneval (Carnaval) is a very old tradition which was originally celebrated to scare away winter spirits. After many months of frost, the people were tired of winter. To spook the winter spirits, people wore scary masks, sang and danced in the streets to welcome spring...



"It is that time of year again. The time of year when businesses and shops close, roads are closed off and when it is perfectly acceptable socially for grown men to get into the train dressed in bear and rabbit costumes.

The Dutch have a saying: 'Doe maar normaal, dan ben je al gek genoeg,' meaning be normal as you are crazy enough. However, this saying does not count during carnival season. Get ready for a lot of crazy!

The celebrations often involve a procession through the city and people dressed up in their silliest costumes. During carnaval there is a (fake) mayor elected for the town and he or she is often part of the procession through the city. Towns often get a different name during carnaval. For example, Eindhoven is known as Lampegat during this period, which can be quite confusing for people who are not aware of this transformation.

The Carnaval weekend is really about everyone getting together and having fun. The music and different beverages add to the festive mood and it is really one of the highlights of the year for people living in the South of the Netherlands. Many people look forward to the Carnaval parties all year long."

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Future Dates for carnival in the Netherlands (if you are lucky enough to be in the country at that time)

2024: Sunday 11 February to Tuesday 13 February

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May a bit of Humour light up your Day

Don't argue with children!

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The Little girl said, "When I go to heaven, I will ask Jonah".

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The Little girl replied. "Then you ask him".



What does God look like?

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl, who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I am drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



Boy crazy?

An honest seven-year-old admitted calmly to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after class. "How did that happen?" gasped her mother. "It wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but three girls helped me catch him."



Human anatomy class

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face." "Yes." the class said. "Then why is it, that while I am standing upright in the ordinary

position, the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Cause yer feet ain't empty."



HOLIDAY EATING ADVICE

Here is some diet news just in time for the holidays.

(A) The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

(B) On the other hand, the French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans

(C) The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

(D) The Italians drink large amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

(E) Conclusion: Eat & drink what you like. It's speaking English that kills you.

Being really Drunk!



Hey! How about my goddamn phone call?

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Halsteren — Intratuin Christmas

Halsteren is a town in the Dutch province of North Brabant. It is located in the municipality of Bergen op Zoom, about 1 km north of that city. Halsteren has an old church from the 14th century and a new church, built in 1919. A little village called Polder was located between Halsteren and Tholen in the Middle Ages.

History

The village was first mentioned in 1272 as Halstert, and means "bend in the highland with a tail". The name is an old Germanic name coming from "Hal" and "Halha" meaning "A bend or spur in the highland". The last part of its name stems from "Stert" meaning "Tail". This therefore describes the location of Hastert very well as it is located on a rampart of high land on the border of Zeeland, It developed on a westward pointing sandy ridge.

The Dutch Reformed church was built in the 14th century. It was extended in 1457. After a fire in 1607, it was extensively restored. In 1799, it was returned to the Catholic church and restored several times. In 1961, it became a Dutch Reformed church again. The Catholic St. Quirinus Church was built between 1911 and 1912 and has a double tower. The former town hall dates from 1633. It was restored and extended in 1917. It was restored in 1944 after a fire.

Halsteren was home to 538 people in 1840. Halsteren was a separate municipality until 1997, when it became a part of Bergen op Zoom.

The village of Polder or Polre was located near Halsteren. It disappeared in a flood in 1570 and most of the village is still buried underneath a meter of mud.

To the right is the Moses Bridge. It is a wooden trench bridge allowing visitors to reach Fort De Roovere while walking below the water line.

Intratuin Halsteren started as a small shop from home. Today, the store has grown into one of the largest Intratuin garden centers in the Netherlands. It occupies no less than 25,000 m² of indoor shopping pleasure. You will find everything you desire to decorate and maintain your home and garden. There are plants, hardware, garden furniture, and Christmas-related products. Their friendly and knowledgeable staff are always there to help you.



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Halsteren — Intratuin Christmas

There is plenty to do for the little ones: a ride on the carousel, listening to a gnome story or go for a ride on the train. It really is a day out for the whole family!



For years, Intratuin Halsteren has been much more than a garden centre. Visitors are offered a special, inspiring and attractive place in which to shop. In the winter season, they especially go all out to offer our visitors the ultimate Christmas experience. The eye-catcher is their beautifully decorated entrance. Christmas shopping is extra fun and special every year!

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Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

Unfortunately, due to the unexpected passing of our editor, the answers to last month's Code Words are unavailable for our readers. We hope you understand and had fun completing the puzzles just the same.

We do have the results for this month's puzzles and will be published as usual in the following month's magazine.

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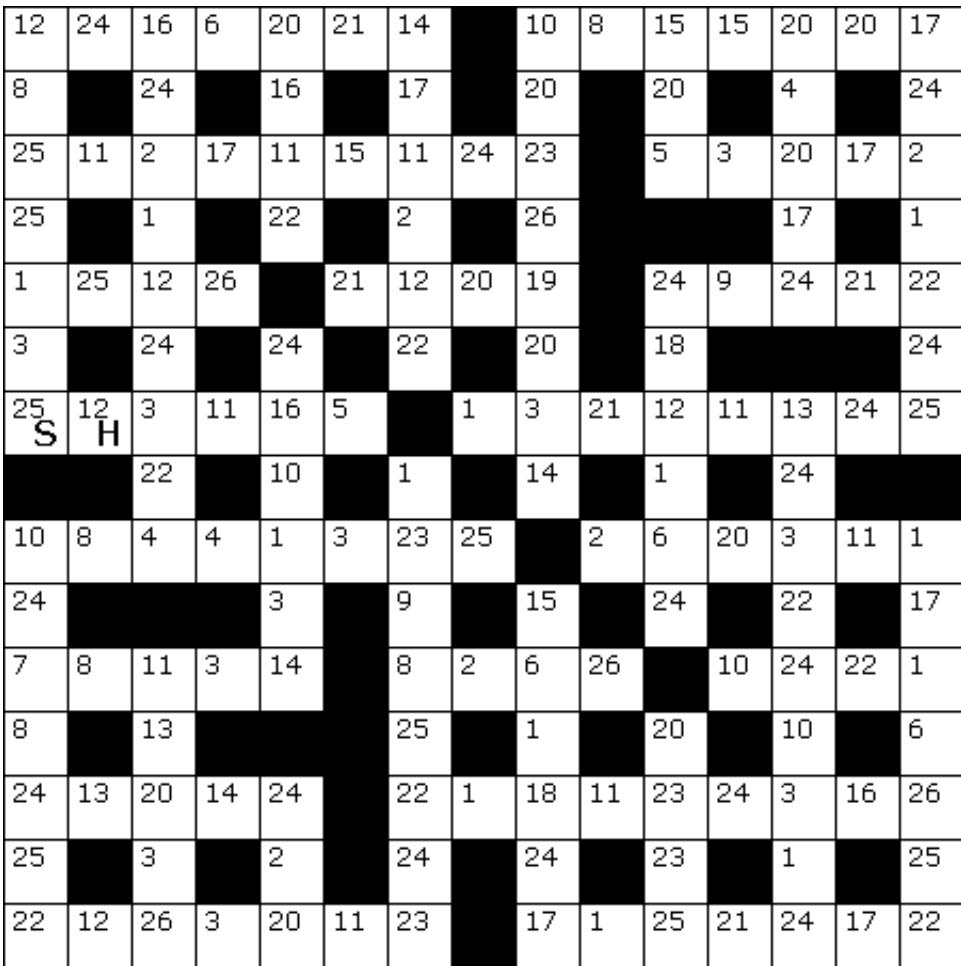


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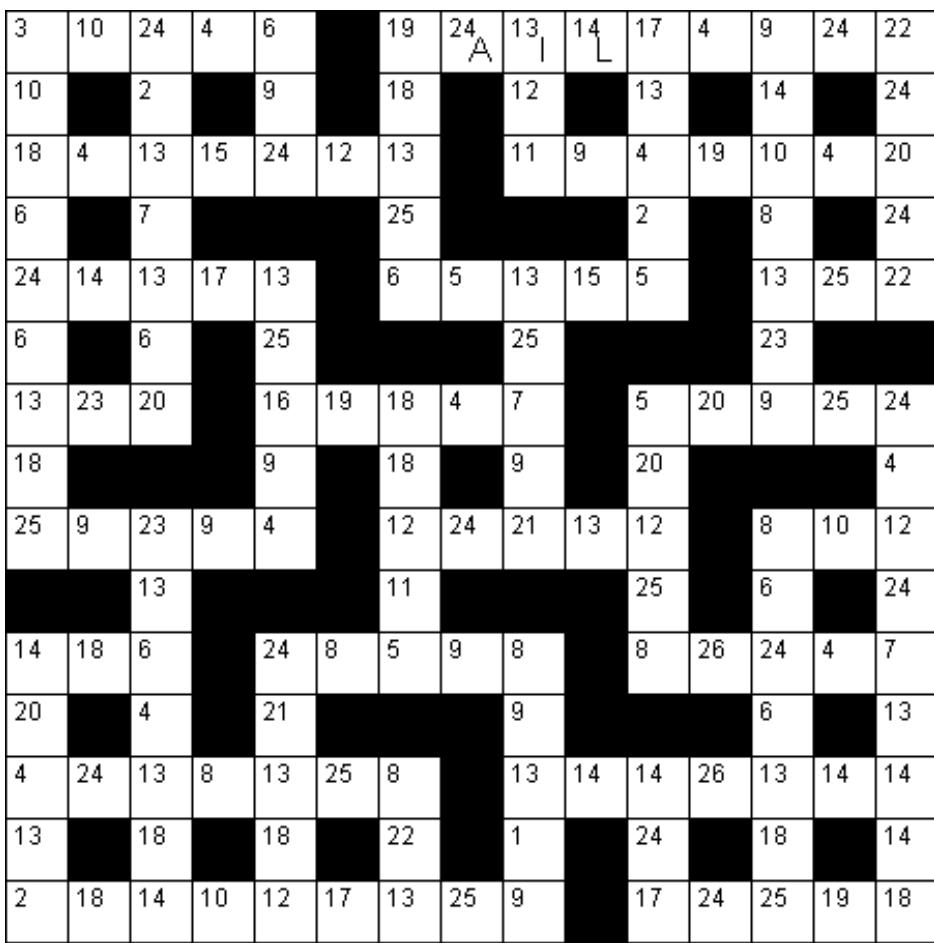
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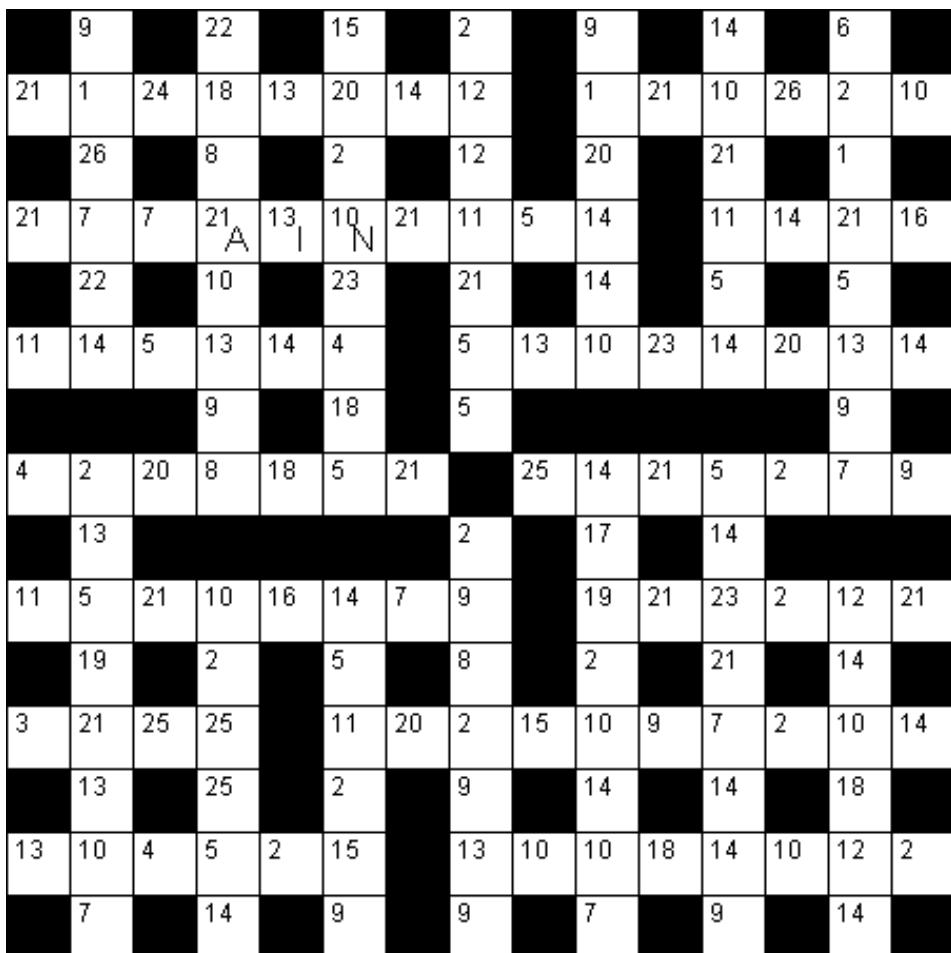


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The first 3 words I found were: Blurb, Urban and Jabbering.

Once those 3 words were found, it still was easy going.

The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:

*A=22; B=25; C=8; D=10; E=2;
F=5; G=23; H=1; I=9; J=15;
K=18; L=12; M=20; N=6;
O=19; P=14; Q=26; R=11; S=3;
T=24; U=17; V=21; W=13;
X=16; Y=7; Z=4.*

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

**Sudoku 989
Easy Puzzle**

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**Sudoku 989
Medium Puzzle**

6			1	8
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	4	7	5	6
4	1		5	
5	6			1
	3		9	2
	2	8	7	1
	5	2		
4		5		8

Last month's
Sudoku Easy 988 solution.

Last month's
Sudoku Medium 988 solution.

8	2	5	1	3	6	9	4	7
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